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PATENT APPLICATION**

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My residence and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

A Method and System for Optimizing Energy Consumption and Cost

the specification of which (check one)

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— was filed on

as Application Serial No.

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(if applicable)

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Prior Foreign Application(s):

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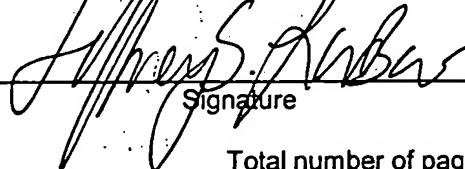
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